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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Grant E. DUBOIS et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1761
Serial No.: 09/838,809	) Examiner: unassigned
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For: NON CALORIC FROZEN CARBONATED BEVERAGE	OCT 2 2001
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231	TC 1700
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above application, please amend this application, without prejudice, as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

2. (Amended) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the freezing point depressant comprises a Sugar MNS selected from at least one of erythritol, isomalt, maltitol, lactitol, or fructo-oligosacchride.

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4. (Amended) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage

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4. (Amended) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage syrup contains a high-potency non-caloric sweetener selected from at least one of aspartame, saccharin, acesulfame-K, cyclamate, or sucralose.

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